

DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN PAKISTAN

IT IS A PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN TO PAKISTAN, A COUNTRY I WAS FORTUNATE TO VISIT THREE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH. I HAVE HAD VERY PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN TWO OF PAKISTAN'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, CHINA AND INDIA. I OBVIOUSLY LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO AND SHARING WITH HIM MY EXPERIENCES IN CHINA AND INDIA. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING ACQUAINTANCES WITH PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ AND IN HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO THE CULTURAL CENTER OF PAKISTAN, THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF LAHORE.

THIS MONTH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND OUR FINAL YEAR OF THE FIRST MULTI-YEAR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. DURING THIS VISIT I INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN REGULAR SECURITY ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS WE BEGAN SUBSEQUENT TO MY FIRST VISIT HERE IN 1983. SINCE THEN PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO HAS VISITED WASHINGTON, ALONG WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ZAIDI AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS I WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING AGAIN OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

WE APPLAUD PAKISTAN'S CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO THE BRUTAL AND UNJUSTIFIED SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN NOW ENTERING ITS EIGHTH YEAR. NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS DONE MORE FOR AFGHANISTAN AND ITS PEOPLE THAN PAKISTAN. FREE NATIONS EVERYWHERE CAN HAVE ONLY ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR PAKISTAN'S DEFIANCE TO SOVIET AGGRESSION.

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